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Ex-British officer admits Soviet spy role in WWII

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A former British military intelligence officer has confessed he was part of a British spy ring that passed information to the Soviet Union during World War II.

Leo Long told the Sunday Times he was part of the network run by Anthony Blunt, a former art adviser to Queen Elizabeth. She stripped him of his knighthood when he was exposed two years ago.

Mr. Long said he confessed to British intelligence in 1964, at the same time as Mr. Blunt, and, like him, was never prosecuted for offenses which he admits were "totally treasonable."

Long's statement is likely to outrage Britons and cause a storm in Parliament, which was told last year that Blunt was the only spy given immunity from prosecution since World War II.